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**TABLE 10-1** Specific Gravity of Polymers

Chemical composition of polymer	Typical specific gravity of pure polymer near room temperature
Aliphatic hydrocarbons	
(polyethylene, polyisoprene)	0.8-1.0
Aromatic hydrocarbons and silicones	
(polystyrene)	1.0-1.1
Oxygen and nitrogen-containing polymers	
(cellulosics, polyesters, polyamides)	1.1-1.4
Chlorinated polymers	1.2-1.8
Fluorinated polymers	1.8-2.2

### 10-5 THERMAL PROPERTIES

Many polymers have a coefficient of linear thermal expansion  $\alpha_e$  in the range of 2 to 20 × 10<sup>-5</sup> cm/cm·°C, compared to steel at about 1 × 10<sup>-5</sup>. This complicates the design of molds for precision parts and the design of metal inserts in polymer parts. Of course,  $\alpha_e$  varies with the state of the polymer, as indicated earlier in comments on the variations of specific volume at  $T_g$  and  $T_m$  (Sec. 3.4). Replacement of polymer by less expansile fillers lowers the overall expansion.

Thermal conductivity  $k_c$  of polymers is uniformly low. Values of  $k_c = 0.05$  to 0.20 Btu/ft·h·°F are common.

$$\frac{242 \; Btu}{ft \cdot h \cdot {}^{\circ}F} = \frac{1 \; cal}{cm \cdot s \cdot {}^{\circ}C} = \frac{419 \; watt}{m \cdot {}^{\circ}C} \; .$$

Conductivity is not easily increased. A high concentration of a metal in powder or fiber form can raise it perhaps tenfold. In Table 10-3 the thermal conductivity of the base resins can be increased by aluminum or copper metal. These also increase electrical conductivity. If low electrical conductivity (for example, 10<sup>-16</sup> S) is desired, the mixture of aluminas can give a high thermal conductivity. Foaming with air or some other gas is used to decrease thermal conductivity. A foamed polystyrene with a

**TABLE 10-2** Specific Gravity of Filled Polymers

Parts by weight	Polymer	Specific gravity	Parts by weight	Filler	Specific gravity	Final specific gravity
100	Natural rubber	0.93	50	Carbon black	1.8	1.1
100	Natural rubber	0.93	100	Calcined clay	2.6	1.4
100	Epoxy resin	1.2	200	Glass fibers	2.5	1.8
100	Phenolic resin	1.3	100	Wood flour	0.9	1.1
100	<b>Polyurethane</b>	1.2	900	Nitrogen		0.12
			(pts by vol)	Ü		

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**TABLE 10-3** Thermal Conductivity of Various F

Filler	Volume p fille comp
Aluminum, 30 mesh	6
Sand, coarse grain	6.
Mica, 325 mesh	2.
Alumina, tabular	<b>5</b> .
Alumina, 325 mesh	5.
Copper powder	61
Silica, 325 mesh Mixture of:	3!
Alumina, tabular	
(20 to 30 mesh)	4:
Alumina, 325 mesh	20

density of 2.5 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> and a  $k_c = 0.0$ of applications from picnic baskets average temperature is shown in Fig

A specific heat of  $0.4 \pm 0.1$  ca generally have the average specific that varies with the physical state of

The yielding of a polymer u at a deflection temperature that is distortion temperature is still used in

Flammability is a function of foamed material or a thin film pre: heavy solid section. Chemical comp molecular-weight compounds. In ger

Most flammable: Nitrated polym Oxygen-contair

Hydrocarbon p **Polyamides** 

Least flammable:

Halogenated po

Certain plasticizers (phosphate este trioxide combined with chlorinated On the other hand, nitroglycerine: objective is to maintain the flammab

### 10-6 ELECTRICAL PROPER'

Resistance is a familiar electrical proohms of a material 1 cm thick, t, a R of any other configuration is given